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GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

Winter
Commencement Exercises
of the Thirty-Fourth
Academic Year

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2005
10 A.M.
GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

Celebrating 35 Years of Service

Governors State University was officially signed into law by Governor Richard B. Ogilvie 35 years ago, on July 17, 1969. Its mandate? Change the face of higher education.

Even as the foundations for the campus were being poured, GSU's founding administrators and faculty were designing a dynamic educational structure - one that would provide access to the very best education. They shaped a new kind of institution, a university built not for the present, but for the future they hoped to see.

Born amid the turbulent climate of the 1960s, Governors State committed itself to an ideal almost taken for granted today - the belief that education was not for the few, but for the capable. It embraced the idea that an outstanding education could be affordable, should be affordable, and would be affordable.

More important, the university insisted on creating opportunity for students who didn't fit the traditional mold. They created a one-of-a-kind learning environment centered on the needs of working adults. The emphasis was on inclusion and access, diversity and innovation.

GSU has remained true to that early, guiding vision. The university has kept its tuition low, one of the lowest in the state. But it has never sacrificed quality. The university's accreditation successes have been remarkable, reflecting the work of a superior faculty and leading to programs of the highest caliber. Governors State University is today everything it was meant to be - the educational choice for a powerfully diverse, professional, and non-traditional student body.
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Rod Blagojevich, Governor

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
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Honorary Degree Candidate

Frank M. Clark

Frank M. Clark receives the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Governors State University today, standing before the university’s assembled graduates as the president of Commonwealth Edison - no small accomplishment for a man who embodies the phrase “from mailroom to boardroom.”

Clark’s career with ComEd began in the energy company’s mailroom nearly forty years ago. It was a good job, but after a tour of duty in Viet Nam, the Chicago south side native determined his career would take a different direction. He knew a solid education was the first step. Like many Governors State University students, Clark began his college career in the community college classroom, where he excelled. Soon he was on his way to DePaul University, where he earned honors along with his bachelor’s degree in Business Administration.

Clark did not stop there. He continued his education at the DePaul University College of Law, earning his jurisprudence doctorate. Today the former clerk is a member of the Chicago Bar Association as well as president of one of the nation’s largest energy companies, with 3.6 million customers, 6,000 employees, and $6.3 billion in revenue.

Clark never forgot the journey. He never forgot the obstacles. And Governors State University honors him today for his continuing commitment to education, his continuing determination - now dedicated to helping others make the journey he has made. Frank M. Clark’s civic involvement demonstrates his absolute belief that education is the key to a better life, and education shared is the key to a better world.

As chair of the Corporate Campaign Committee for the American Legacy Initiative, Clark is working to establish a $3 million endowment in partnership with the Chicago Community Trust to improve education, arts, and development in African American communities in Cook County and the Chicago area. Clark is co-chair of the DuSable Capital Campaign, a $24 million initiative to expand the DuSable Museum, the world’s oldest African American art and cultural center. He has been instrumental in the revitalization of the Harold Washington Cultural Center on Chicago’s south side, which includes the ComEd Theater, a 1,000-seat performing arts hall that will be used to host professional plays, national recording artists, and programs for youth.

Clark serves on the Governors State University Foundation Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees for DePaul University. He has been elected chair of the Board of Trustees for Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum. He received an honorary doctorate of law from DePaul University in 2004. He is a recipient of a National Humanitarian Award from the National Conference for Community and Justice. In 2002, Clark was honored with the prestigious HistoryMakers Award and named as one of the 50 most powerful black executives in America by Fortune magazine.
Order of Exercises

Saturday, January 29, 2005, 10 a.m.
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Business and Public Administration
College of Education
College of Health Professions
Board of Governors Degree Program

Dr. Stuart Fagan
President of the University
Presiding

PRELUDE ............................................................................................................ Orland Park Community Band
Bill Schuetter, Conductor

PROCESSIONAL .................................................................................................... Dr. Gary Lyon, Grand Marshal
“Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1” by Edward Elgar
Orland Park Community Band

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS .................................................. Dr. Stuart Fagan, President

GREETINGS FROM THE GSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES ......................................... Kathleen Field Orr, Trustee

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT ....................................... Dr. Paul Keys, Provost
Conferring of Honorary Degree ........................................................................... Dr. Stuart Fagan
Honorary Recipient, Doctor of Humane Letters .................................................. Frank M. Clark
Commencement Address ......................................................................................... Frank M. Clark

PRESENTATION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES .......................................................... Dr. Paul Keys
College of Arts and Sciences .................................................................................. Dean Roger K. Oden
College of Business and Public Administration ..................................................... Dean William Nowlin
College of Education ............................................................................................... Dean Steven Russell
College of Health Professions ................................................................................ Dean Linda Samson
Board of Governors Degree Program ................................................................. Dean John Stoll

CONFERRING OF DEGREES .................................................................................. Dr. Stuart Fagan

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKER ......................................................... Dean Steven Russell

STUDENT ADDRESS ............................................................................................. Paula Franklin

INDUCTION INTO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION .............................................. Gerald F Mcllvain, President
Governors State University Alumni Association

CLOSING REMARKS ............................................................................................. Dr. Stuart Fagan

RECESSIONAL ...................................................................................................... Dr. Gary Lyon, Grand Marshal
“Crown Imperial” by William Walton, arranged by Jay Bocook
Orland Park Community Band

Ms. Susan Bova, Sign Language Interpreter
The audience is requested to rise and remain standing during the Processional and Recessional.
Bachelor of Arts

Mehiar Allan
Richard S. Bankus
** Bev Barnes
Anna J. Becker
Annemarie Bennick
Wioletta Bieniek
Kerri L. Blanchette
Sharon M. Brannigan
Antonio L. Brazzleton
Ann M. Burke
Jayme M. Carter
Delphine Cherry
Willie L. Curry
Darryl R. Daniel
Anthony William De La Pena
Tocarra Eldridge
Kelly M. Erikson
B. Hope Faulkner
Kelly M. Fennema
Natalie A. Franken
Carolyn F. Frye
** Edward A. Fudacz
Suzette Gray
Carl R. Hansen, Jr.
Maurice R. Hill
Whitney L. Horowitz
Jason L. Hy
Eric T. Kallenborn
Agneszka M. Komperda
Robert William Krause
Jeremie T. Lehner
Sixto Lopez
Daren E. Lorek
Joseph J. Maseko
Jeffrey R. Mazzone
Diane J. McGarel
Nicole C. McGill
William Henry Merger, III
Sylvestre S. Netles
Terrone A. Parham
Melissa M. Parsino
** Tom J. Piszczor
Leslie R. Potee
* Rebecca R. Ramirez
** Donna R. Ras
* Jill A. Salas
Alison J. Sanchez
Jamie Rose Schausburger
Monique Cheerie
Serino-White
Latonya D. Simmons
Brandon C. Stokes
Charles E. Surman
Adam M. Sutter
Matthew A. Terrence
** Kristin A. Thirion
* Dustin E. Troik
VeLisa A. Tyson
Glenn J. Walters
** Douglas M. West
Charwana M. Wilson
Jamie L. Woiwadowski
Samaria Wright
** Anjeanette D. Yates
Vera M. Zagorski
* Christina Marie Zolecki

Bachelor of Science

Asad A. Abbasi
* Sunil Babu
Charles Barrett, Jr.
* Timothy J. Cahan
Michael L. Danielewski
Douglas J. Dick
Jacob L. Fandey
Joseph M. Fitzpatrick
Leonardo J. Gonzalez
Sarah Katherine Houk
Paul Irumundomon
William A. Jewell
Kara A. Lang
Frank W. Malinowski
James M. McAley
** Heather R. Neander
Christopher A. Ospalski
John Russell Ritchie
Benjamin N. Smogolski

Master of Arts

Percy Amaristeiro, Jr.
Vanessa C. Batchelor
Mary Kay Beedle
Lataisha D. Benjamin
Jennifer Robin Bentley
Mark D. Bishop
Bonnie S. Born
Kimberly R. Brown
Kenya S. Burton
Misty D. Campbell
Konnny Patrice Canty-West
Osamah S. Daoudi
Timothy J. Denmore
Ter H. Dettwiler
Arlene M. Dewey
Robert C. Ewert
Courtney A. Fitzgerald
Kimberly D. Flennoy
Cheryl Y. Gatkins
Mark S. Hadhazy
Christopher G. Hennessy
Pamela Z. Jackson
Myrisha T. Johnson
Kathy S. King
Arlene M. Krause
Janice K. Krediet
David Richard Kush
Jennifer L. Langland
Li-Feng Lo
Kiana S. O'Hara
Amy Ann Paris
Lisa D. Preston
Sharon M. Ruhl
Jennifer M. Taylor
Kevin Thomas
Steven T. Treptow
Glady's Ann Turner
Jacob A. Vallicelli
Angelique J. Vincent
LaKenisha V. Watkins
Stephanie M. White
Herstine Wright
Jennifer L. Younker
Yvonne D. Yowman

Bachelor of Science

Saif Abdulla
Juanita K. Armstrong
Himanshu Banga
Bilal S. Beiram
Chakrapani Bollepalli
Changjin Chen
Sunil S. David
Chidambaram Dhanasekaran
Sandra A. Emme
Vijay Prakash Garapati
Sure Prakash Goreti
Pradeep Gudapati
Syed G. Hasan
Elizabeth S. Jacobson
Naveen K. Kanuganti
Shalini Rangachuda Kondapalli
Shakir A. Mohammed
Preethi Mohan
Nagarjuna Nerella
Hriday Raj Patel
Sanjay Kumar Pattanaik
Devendra Babu Pavuluri
Ravi Kanth R. Pesaladine
Chayut Prayungkham
Venkatraman Ramakrishnan
Anil Kumar Rapeeti
Francis James Sciri
Gopala Krishnan Sundarakrishnan
Ashok Sundaram
Veeravenkata Nagara Thupakula
Sau Kiu Yu

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College of Business and Public Administration

Bachelor of Arts

Sonya R. Banks
Kevin P. Barry
Katherine Bennett
* Jennifer L. Brabec
Derrick L. Cannon
Kerri A. Cas
John D. Chisholm
* Frank R. Ciezadlo
Traci Elizabeth DeGard
Andrew S. Dillman
Laura A. Drozd
** Douglas S. Fennema
* Catherine J. Griffin
Jessica L. Incausakis
Kimberly S. Kensey-Urban
Andrej Kolodziej
Renata Krzeczkowski
Rasa Littlefield
Amber B. Losurdo
Steve M. Lucas
William A. McDonald
* Gary A. McLaughlin
Gail A. Moore
Maurice R. Moreau
Rachel M. Paape
* Barbara A. Reitz
Demetrius T. Robinson
Tanya K. Salas
Boris R. Satey
Amanda J. Schergen
* Jason M. Schultz
Lisa M. Stanton
Angelica M. Uribe
David A. Vaikus
Charron D. Watt-Spann
Emily A. Weh
Kari J. Westlund
* William D. White
LaShaunda Williams
Spencer E. Williams
Dai Zhang
Shelly C. Zook

Bachelor of Science

Lisa M. Acevedo
Dalia A. Almasri
Shadi Barakeh
Krishari M. Brooks
Shepale S. Douglas
Timothy G. Granato
Dayo K. Johnson
* Carol G. Key
Crystal Larry
Steven L. Mores
Tracie A. Porter
Andrew J. Puzis
** Joshua D. Schoot
Karen Smith
Marissa C. Smith
Kathleen M. Thomas
* Huy Q. Tran
* Marnie A. Vidad

Master of Business Administration

Lawson A. Adesogan
David Olawale Akinoshio
Sudhansu Balakrishnan
Teka J. Benisrael
John G. Boerema
Frank J. Bronuskas
Magid Chamanchi
Unoma Chike-Uwajeh
Michael D. Hallock
David P. Hayden
Mari Beth Hearn
Sophia Lowe
Georgette M. McCarthy
David A. Middleton
Judy L. Mitchell
Charles Sekle Mombo
Mark D. Nowak
Kimberly J. Pinchott
John J. Rogers
Sudipta D. Roy
Craig D. Schmidt
Marjorie M. Toussaint

Master of Public Administration

Darlene Alexander
Azikah A. Baker
Nysha D. Burnett
Paul D. Burris
Jayson S. Cruz-Figgins
Elizabeth E. Davis
Thomas Charles Engblom
Regina Belynda Evans Brown
Nyree D. Ford
Shawn D. Gallagher
Henry H. Gavel
Ronald Steven Gary
Pamela D. Gray-Walton
David L. Heard
Andre Henley
Randall E. Hoving
Aimee L. Ingalls
Jolander Jeffries
Kevin P. Jones
Mauro M. Laye
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Felicia L. Pace
Venise Pelom
Karen D. Pickett
Karen Sarazen
Katherine Sayon
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Paula Franklin

Paula Franklin is graduating from the College of Education with a master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling. To those who know her, Franklin's degree choice is no surprise. Helping others heal is second nature to Paula, who has a keen interest in counseling families in underserved communities.

Her accomplishments are impressive, her dedication to her chosen field unwavering. A member of the American Counseling Association, her leadership among her fellow counseling students saw her elected president of the Governors State University chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, the international honor society for counseling students, professional counselors, and counselor educators. As counseling lab coordinator for the university, Franklin screened community members in need and saw that they received vocational, individual, or family counseling services, free of charge.

Off campus, Franklin works as a substance abuse counselor for Cornell Interventions in Chicago's Englewood community. Ever listening, ever helping, Franklin understands the responsibility her education has given her. Wherever she can, she uses what she has learned to help others achieve. She has been active in GSU's student life activities, and she has been a driving force in increasing student involvement in educational conferences for the American and Illinois Counseling Associations. She is also a youth leader at the Bethlehem Temple Baptist Church in Harvey.

Of her professors, her mentors at GSU, Franklin says, "They've introduced me to the power of helping people heal and the joy of watching people change."

Franklin earned her B.A. in Psychology from the University of South Alabama in 1999. After graduation, she hopes to work with children and families in community mental health settings. She has a specific interest in reuniting children with their biological parents. Longer term, she intends to advance to doctorate level studies.

"Paula is an exceptional student and intern counselor-in-training," said Dr. Catherine Sori, professor of Psychology and Counseling. "She is positive, enthusiastic, and determined to always do her best in everything she sets her hand at doing. She is a young woman of vision, and she possesses the passion and determination to bring about change to help those who need a strong advocate. She is a terrific example of GSU's 'best and brightest'"
Bachelor of Arts

Loretta J. Meschino
** Tessa Julianna Mezger
* Jennifer A. Miller
* Robert E. Moss
* Jason D. Navratil
** Jennifer J. Newton
* Kristina L. Nilsson
* Suzanne M. Olson
* Kathryn M. Orr
Kafayat A. Owokoniran
* Patti J. Peterson
* Katie M. Piennias
* Laura B. Poremba
* Jillian K. Preis
Coreen M. Pupa
* Vicki B. Quintavalle
Christopher L. Ratchiff
* Gayle L. Rogers
* Maria Rose
Crystal B. Rosteck-Thompson
* Rita L. Sanders
* Sonja Sandoval
* Lindsey R. Sharer
* Dawn L. Shields
* Andrea L. Sikora
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* Sherry A. Doyle
* Thomas J. Dutton
* Eric R. Eckberg
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Tirena C. Gipson
James J. Graczyk
Chantae L. Griffin
Tracey A. Houde
Shandra E. Hullum
* Patricia M. James
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Nuray Kavotsuk
Teneisha Kelly
Brian F. Klecka
Kelly A. Knight
Andrya Jene Kubilius
Ashley E. Lanev
** Kimberly Sue Laninga
** Theodore J. Leonard
Ginny M. Lukasiewicz
Laveda Manigo
* Kandis L. Martin
Kimberly Maske
Gina M. McDonald
Meagan J. McGuire
Valerie A. McLeod
Sherri A. Medina
* Nicole R. Mehrer

Master of Arts

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Thomas J. Amadio
Durrell M. Anderson
Lorena Armenta
Catherine A. Ashlaw
Angel Ayala
Maria C. Ayala
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Kathryn S. Bates
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Debra A. Bertrand
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Rosanne P. Boyan
Amy L. Boyle
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Mellodie L. Brown
Jamine Buckhoy
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Rodney G. Bullock
Ryan J. Bumton
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Vernette Claybourne
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Regina C. Davis-Bridges
Scarlett M. Delya
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Lorna D. Dill
Rosa M. Donaldson
Iman J. Ellis
Craig J. Englert
Janice A. Espósito
Robert A. Fabrizio
Margaret Ann Farr
Margaret Mary Finegan
Jean M. Fitzgibbon
Kathleen T. Fitzpatrick
Laura Frances Fore
Christine Forst
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Paula S. Franklin
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Caridad Garcia
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Jodette J. Giannakopoulos
Eileen Glibin-Williams
Teresa L. Glab
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Nicole M. Gordon
Dana L. Grinters
Mary Jo Gryzmyk
Willia J. Guerringer
Karen S. Gunty
Renee Lynn Hattendorf
Stephanie Ann Havenstock
Pamela L. Haynie
Crystal R. Hays
Karen S. Hazelrigg
Kristin M. Heiden
LeQuisha V. Hele
Martha Laura Hernandez
Beverly J. Herron
Jennifer K. Heywood
Charles T. Hogue
Kathlyn D. Holland
Christina M. Holman
Teresa A. Hooten
Stephanie A. Hopkins
Donald A. Houston
Bonita P. Husband
Daniel J. Hutchings
Joyce A. Ingram
Cherlotte J. Jackson
Rochelle James
Karen D. Jasinski
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Matthew Thomas Johnson
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Susan E. Kazmarchzyk
Martin L. Kaspar
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Viktoria Keister
Erin M. Kelly
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Rosanne A. Kramer
Cheryl Krieger
Michelle Louise Kropp
Erin M. Lane
Kelly A. Langone
Nancy J. Laning
Carla R. Lanzafame
Emily K. Larsen
Linda Laster-Wilson
Darleett L. Lawrence
Rose Mary Lechuga-Rivera
Amy J. Lee
Myrna L. Legreid
Michael P. Lehning
Nicole A. Leone
James S. Lick
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Traci L. Little
Sherrell Love
Lisa C. Mackey
Debra C. Majewski
Charles E. Malott
Kathleen A. Marassa
John A. Markovich
Gladys F. Marquez
Cheryl A. Mayfield
Therese R. Mc Cleary
Allison McGuan
John B. McGinty
Onquenette T. McKinney
Dianne McMillen
Tara Y. McNeal
Shannon M. McNulty
Mary Mendoza-Ramirez
Christine M. Moehlig
Denise Moore
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Michael J. Morrison
Heather M. Mortell
Michelle V. Mullen
Barbara A. Murphy
Brian James Murphy
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Felice A. Narcisse
Jennifer O. Ness
Martha A. Noboa
Jennifer R. Nofal
Margaret A. Nolan
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Shannon K. O'Neil
Juan Carlos Ocon
Jennifer L. Okleshen
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Kenneth M. Parchen
Christopher T. Pawelczyk
Olga V. Perez
Kathleen M. Pero
Kathryn Petts
Kenneth W. Phelps
Ann M. Phillips
Gina L. Piatak
Amy M. Pinkston
Anna Pisula
David A. Podkul
Joseph M. Porrey
Melba Jayne Preiss
Nancy Ann Pufahl
Marilyn G. Querciagrossa
Maceo M. Rainey
Mark Reed Randak
John A. Randich, Jr.
Joann Rayburn
Jeff James Reents
Nicole R. Richards
Luz M. Rios
Mary S. Roberts
LaShann M. Rochelle
Artie J. Rogers
Elizabeth Rowan
Bernard G. Ruegger
Amber D. Ruland
Michelle L. Salato
Dhana Salinas
Lori A. Sanders
Debra J. Sawyer
Paul D. Scalaetta
Janet M. Schneider
Julie Ann Schultz
Kathryn J. Seitz-Dennis
John R. Shenberger
Chris S. Siegel
Earline Moore Simmons
Sandra G. Slone
Michael C. Smith
Philip G. Smith
Alma Sokoya
Ofelia Solano-Guevara
Alfred R. Sorenson
Pamela A. Spiezio
Stacy M. Spinozzi
Gretta P. Steadman
Kevin M. Steele
Pamela Steinmetz
Douglas Lee Stevens
Toya L. Stevenson
Chiralaine Cristal Stewart
Thomas A. Stibich
Patricia A. Summers
Rick J. Szafra
Laura M. Szeszycki
Joelyn Talluto
Rose Marie Thomas
Deborah M. Thompson
Chrysalis R. Tolbert
Theresa L. Toro
Claudia Torres
Lourdes Terrazas-Torres
Shane B. Tucker
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Amanda Valdez
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Academic Regalia

During the commencement ceremony, students and faculty wear academic costumes indicating the wearers' degrees and colleges/universities or fields of study.

The Cap

The black mortarboard type is the most common cap worn. Degree candidates wear cap tassels that are black and white, the university colors. Colors worn by the faculty vary according to their fields of study.

The Gown

Gowns are of three kinds. The bachelor's gown is relatively simple, with lines falling straight from a fairly elaborate yoke. Its distinguishing characteristic is the long pointed sleeve. Braided silken cords are worn by students who have achieved special scholastic recognition: gold signifies high honors; white, honors. The master's gown has sleeves with a back end extending down below the knee in a crescent shape. The doctor's gown is an elaborate costume with velvet panels down the front and around the neck, with three velvet bars on the bell-shaped sleeves.

The Hood

The official colors of the college or university from which a degree is conferred are represented in the lining of the hood. For each field of study, there is a corresponding trim color. The trim colors for master's hoods are as follows:

Accounting ................................................................. Drab
Addictions Studies .................................................. Salmon Pink
Analytical Chemistry .................................................. Golden Yellow
Art ............................................................................ Brown
Business Administration .............................................. Drab
Communication Disorders ......................................... Salmon Pink
Communications and Training .................................. White
Computer Science .................................................... Golden Yellow
Counseling .................................................................... Light Blue
Early Childhood Education ........................................ Light Blue
Education ................................................................. Light Blue
Educational Administration ........................................ Light Blue
English ......................................................................... White
Environmental Biology .................................................. Golden Yellow
Health Administration ................................................ Salmon Pink
Instructional and Training Technology ...................... White
Management Information Systems .............................. Golden Yellow
Multicategorical Special Education ............................ Light Blue
Nursing .......................................................................... Apricot
Occupational Therapy ................................................. Slate Blue
Physical Therapy ....................................................... Teal
Political Studies ......................................................... White
Political and Justice Studies ....................................... White
Psychology ................................................................. Light Blue
Public Administration ............................................... Peacock Blue
Social Work .................................................................... Citric
Sociology ......................................................................... White
COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS
University Grand Marshal
Gary Lyon, University Professor of Science Education, College of Arts and Sciences

Coordinator of Marshals
Robert Donaldson, University Professor of Public Administration, College of Business and Public Administration

College of Arts and Sciences
Timothy C. Gsell, University Professor of Microbiology
Connie Mietlicki, University Professor of English and Secondary Education
Rashidah Jaami Muhammad, University Professor of English and Secondary Education
Beth Parin, University Professor of Digital Imaging and Photography
Nancy Shlaes, University Professor of Library Science
Robin Thompson, University Lecturer of English

College of Business and Public Administration
Dalsang Chung, University Professor of Management Information Systems
Mary Clark, University Professor of Business and Public Administration
Robert Donaldson, University Professor of Public Administration
Tony Fontana, University Lecturer of Accounting and Finance
Kathleen Hamby, University Lecturer of Information Technology and Management Information Systems

College of Education
George Garrett, University Professor of Educational Administration
Susan Kinsey, University Professor of Early Childhood Education
Nancy Miller, University Professor of Mathematics Education
Catherine Sori, University Professor of Psychology and Counseling
Lucianne Sweder, University Lecturer of Education

College of Health Professions
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Nancy MacMullen, University Professor of Nursing

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Arthur Durant, University Professor of Addictions Studies/Behavioral Health
Gary Fisk, Coordinator, Center for Online Teaching and Learning
Jay Lubinsky, University Professor of Communication Disorders
The Mace

The governors mace, carried by the marshal who leads the academic procession, is a symbol of the authority of the university as a degree-granting institution. The legal authority of the university is grounded in the intellectual authority of the distinguished faculty who follow in the procession.

In antiquity, the mace was a weapon used to establish the "authority" of the physically strong. Its transformation into a symbol of intellectual authority is both a tribute to and a reminder of the civilizing force of a university's teaching, research, and community service functions.

Engraved on the four side-panels of the governors mace are (1) the seal of the state of Illinois; (2) a cardinal, the state bird; (3) the seal of the former Illinois Board of Governors Universities; and (4) an inscription which reads "The governors mace, a symbol of tradition and authority of Governors State University, dedicated to the search for excellence in the pursuit of truth, knowledge, and the love of learning. Presented by Peter Levin, friend of the university, June 2, 1979."

Atop the mace is a silver rendition of the university logo. The three sides of the "triangle" symbolize the university's teaching, research, and community service functions. The three lines visually suggest the shape of a rocket, reminding us both that the university was founded two days after Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon and that the university is a hope-filled, pioneering community, committed to a better future for all men and women. The circle symbolizes the fact that the university is, indeed, a community. Finally, the fact that the tips of the triangle reach beyond the circle indicates the university's outreach into the region, state, and nation and its commitment to teaching, research, and community service.